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| Applicant: | HIRAO ET AL. | Examiner: | ALEXANDER, L. |
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By: Michele QuarantoRESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, Applicants submit the following Remarks. This response is timely filed, the Applicants having submitted the requisite fee extending the deadline to March 12, 2003. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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Claims 1-4, 6-7, 10-17, 19-20, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §-102(b) as being anticipated by Bunce et al. Applicants understand the rejection to interpret Figure 5 of the